



Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Campaign

Fact Sheet

Thank you for your interest in California's Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Campaign (Katrina Campaign). This document attempts to answer the most common questions about the Campaign.

Question: What is the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Campaign?

Answer: California's Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Campaign is an effort by all of California's Statewide Elected Constitutional Officers to encourage State employees to contribute to relief efforts that will benefit the hundreds of thousands of people in the Gulf Coast Region impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The Katrina Campaign builds on the existing California State Employees Charitable Campaign, which is coordinated by the United Way; however, **the Katrina Campaign and associated deductions will end December 31, 2005**. A one time donation can be made with a deduction from your December paycheck; however, your form must be turned in between November 16th and December 16th. The United Way has generously waived its handling fee on contributions to this special Katrina Campaign, which is a separate campaign from the CSECC, which kicks off October 1. The payroll deduction form lists eight charitable relief organizations and funds that are working on Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, these organizations and funds are:

- The Alabama Governor's Emergency Relief Fund;
- The American Red Cross (National Katrina Fund);
- AmeriCares (National Katrina Fund);
- The Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund;
- The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation;
- The Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund;
- The Salvation Army (National Katrina Fund); and
- The United Way of America Hurricane Katrina Response Fund.

Question: Can I contribute to any charitable organization as part of California's Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Campaign?

Answer: Yes. While the contribution form names eight specific charitable relief organizations and funds, you are free to contribute to any bona fide charitable organization that is engaged in Katrina relief activities, not just to any organization for regular programs. In the event that you decide to contribute to an organization(s), other than those listed on the contribution form, please attach to your contribution form a separate sheet of paper which includes the name and address of the organization(s).

Please return your completed forms to:
State Controller Steve Westly
Payroll Deductions Unit
PO Box 942850
Sacramento, CA 94250-5878

If you have any questions please direct them to:
Marlene Dederick
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(916) 324-1342 or (800) 955-0045
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Question: What else can I do to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina?

Answer: More information about ways you can help the victims of Hurricane Katrina can be found on the USA Freedom Corps' website (www.usafreedomcorps.gov) as well as the website of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (www.boc.ca.gov/HurricaneKatrina/HurricaneKatrinaInformation.htm).

Question: How can I find out more about charitable relief organizations?

Answer: To find out more about charitable relief organizations and charitable giving, please visit the charitable giving section of the Attorney General's website (http://caag.state.ca.us/charities/charit_giving.htm). This website provides information about charitable organizations before you contribute money or your time. The website also includes tips for giving wisely and additional resources to help guide you in making charitable donations.

Question: I have completed my contribution form, now what?

Answer: You are encouraged to submit your form electronically to the United Way. This form can be filled out and submitted online by going to the following website: <https://donor.united-e-way.org/?campaign=-katrina>

You may also submit your contribution form to the State Controller's Office. One time donations must be submitted on the form between November 16, and December 16th, 2005.

That address is: **State Controller Steve Westly
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**If you would like your contribution to begin with your
September paycheck, please submit your contribution form to
the State Controller by September 16, 2005.**

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